

The Blockade Runners.
STRICT REGULATIONS AS TO TRADE BETWEEN NEW YORK AND THE "CONFEDERATE PORTS."

More stringent regulations have been adopted at the Southern ports with a view to breaking up the illegal traffic of blockade runners. Hereafter, in all cases, where rebel agents have their hands, the Collector will require bonds to be given, with sureties for double the amount of the sum named in the bonds, one half to be in real estate, and the other half in personal property. The Collector has also refused to allow any trade whatever to be conducted between the above-named ports and New York by parties who have been proven already to have afforded aid and comfort to the enemy.

A GOOD REASON FOR WHAT IT WAS—NEW YORK MANDATES THE PAYING OF FEES, THOUGH GRAND COLLAGE FOR WHAT THEY THOUGHT A BLOCKADE RUNNER—HOW THEIR OBJECT WAS DISRUPTED BY A SMART SLOOP CAPTAIN.

The captain of a sloop plying between Beaufort and New York, whose name has not been furnished by Master Murray, has played a trick on rebel sympathizers in this city which is worth laying before the public. The facts of the case appear to be these—

The captain was in the habit of frequenting a series of houses in South street, where men of business and those locally friendly did congregate. While there, a company of rebels, among them the gentlemen who had the captain spoke of his knowledge of geography, and impressed on the company the fact that he was thoroughly acquainted with the Southern states of Virginia, and that, if he would be engaged with a good cargo of contraband articles, he could very easily run the blockade and dispose of the merchandise in the proper quarter.

Upon this hint the business men who surrounded the sloop pried into her affairs, and came to the conclusion that it was "the thing" for the furtherance of which they made up a purse of \$3,000, which they placed in the captain's name to purchase a contraband cargo and run the blockade.

The captain informed them that he would carry out the mission, depited to him with pleasure, took the money, purchased a cargo, embracing a variety of articles, which he carefully shipped on board his sloop. After these preparations were completed, the captain was sent to New York for a permit to leave. The steward even accompanied him pretty closely, and not liking his explanations, determined to send his detectives down to the sloop the next morning to see if all was right. The captain left the office of the Master, and, as he was heading toward the pier, was accosted by his steward, who pointed the sloop's name, and made a breach in the blockade so far. But after he had achieved this daring act the captain was compelled to return to the office of the Master of the blockade. This was rather a hasty departure, and he finally resolved to "boot ship" and return to Beaufort, on arriving at which place he unshipped his cargo in small parcels and made sale of it amongst the negroes.

This proceeding caused the ears of the gentlemen who had been in liberal in supplying him with funds, and they at once became full of wrath and vengeance. A couple of them, armed with pistols, appeared on the Marshall, and gave instructions to him that "such a fellow" wanted to run the blockade with an asserted contraband cargo," and they demanded his instant arrest.

The Marshall investigated the case, found out the real facts and took no further action.

The Mobile Blockade.
THE REBEL GRAY JACKET CAPTURED—THE GUTTERED LEGIONNAIRE THE CAPTOR, ETC.

A correspondent, writing to us from the Mobile blockade, says—

Since writing you yesterday we have another prize to regale for this blockade. On the evening of the 21st ult. the rebel screw steamer Gray Jacket ran out and passed the fleet before she was seen. The gunboat Goliath, being close at hand, was ordered to give chase after her, and after a chase of twelve hours she was brought to and made a prize. She was yesterday brought to the fleet, and was immediately sent to New Orleans. She is a new steamer, and resembles our gunboats somewhat. She has on board five hundred and three bales of cotton and a quantity of turpentine and resin. The was her first trip. She is estimated to be worth between \$200,000 and \$300,000. There are four steamers in the bay waiting to cut out.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20.—6 P. M.

There was no abatement of the speculative fever in stocks this morning, and prices at the opening again advanced. Toledo and Wabash was the especial favorite of the speculative clique to-day, and under the magic influence it rose to 68—an advance of 12½ since the meeting of the first board on Tuesday. New York Central went up 2½, Hudson River 2½, Erie 2½, Michigan Central 1½, Michigan Southern 2½, Illinois Central 1, Galena and Chicago 2½, Cleveland and Pittsburgh 1½, and Pacific Mail 2. Cumberland Coal declined ½. The market was not so strong in the afternoon, and nearly all the Western railroad shares declined in price. The closing quotations were as follows:—New York Central, 136½; Erie, 108½; Erie preferred sold up to 104; Hudson River 140; Bunting 117½; and Michigan Central 139.

An idea of the extent of the speculative movement which is now going on in the stock of Western railroads may be found in the following table, which compares the quotations on the 1st of December last with the highest prices obtained to-day:

	Jan. 1.	Jan. 20.
Michigan Central.	122½	138½
Michigan Southern.	79½	87½
Cleveland and Pittsburgh.	117	124
Galena and Chicago.	106	118½
Cleveland and Toledo.	111½	117½
Chicago and Rock Island.	102	145
Bunting and Wabash on Cinc.	81½	87½
Chicago and Northwestern.	46	66
Chicago and Alton.	82	88
Wabash and Wabash.	44	68

There is very little alteration to note in the money market, beyond the fact that the demand now exceeds the supply, and brokers find bank accommodations more difficult to obtain. The rate of interest continues to rule at seven per cent on good paper, except upon short loans, for which an advance is claimed.

The following were the quotations at the gold exchange to-day:—

	Aug. 1.	Aug. 2.	Aug. 3.	Aug. 4.	Aug. 5.	Aug. 6.	Aug. 7.	Aug. 8.	Aug. 9.	Aug. 10.	Aug. 11.	Aug. 12.	Aug. 13.	Aug. 14.	Aug. 15.	Aug. 16.	Aug. 17.	Aug. 18.	Aug. 19.	Aug. 20.	
American gold	135	140	145	148	150	152	154	156	158	160	162	164	166	168	170	172	174	176	178	180	182
1000 do	128	133	138	141	144	147	150	153	156	159	162	165	168	171	174	177	180	183	186	189	192
2000 do	126	131	136	139	142	145	148	151	154	157	160	163	166	169	172	175	178	181	184	187	190
3000 do	124	129	134	137	140	143	146	149	152	155	158	161	164	167	170	173	176	179	182	185	188
4000 do	122	127	132	135	138	141	144	147	150	153	156	159	162	165	168	171	174	177	180	183	186
5000 do	120	125	130	133	136	139	142	145	148	151	154	157	160	163	166	169	172	175	178	181	184
6000 do	118	123	128	131	134	137	140	143	146	149	152	155	158	161	164	167	170	173	176	179	182
7000 do	116	121	126	129	132	135	138	141	144	147	150	153	156	159	162	165	168	171	174	177	180
8000 do	114	119	124	127	130	133	136	139	142	145	148	151	154	157	160	163	166	169	172	175	178
9000 do	112	117	122	125	128	131	134	137	140	143	146	149	152	155	158	161	164	167	170	173	176
10000 do	110	115	120	123	126	129	132	135	138	141	144	147	150	153	156	159	162	165	168	171	174
11000 do	108	113	118	121	124	127	130	133	136	139	142	145	148	151	154	157	160	163	166	169	172
12000 do	106	111	116	119	122	125	128	131	134	137	140	143	146	149	152	155	158	161	164	167	170
13000 do	104	109	114	117	120	123	126	129	132	135	138	141	144	147	150	153	156	159	162	165	168
14000 do	102	107	112	115	118	121	124	127	130	133	136	139	142	145	148	151	154	157	160	163	166
15000 do	100	105	110	113	116	119	122	125	128	131	134	137	140	143	146	149	152	155	158	161	164
16000 do	98	103	108	111	114	117	120	123	126	129	132	135	138	141	144	147	150	153	156	159	162
17000 do	96	101	106	109	112	115	118	121	124	127	130	133	136	139	142	145	148	151	154	157	160
18000 do	94	99	104	107	110	113	116	119	122	125	128	131	134	137	140	143	146	149	152	155	158
19000 do	92	97	102	105	108	111	114	117	120	123	126	129	132	135	138	141	144	147	150	153	156
20000 do	90	95	100	103	106	109	112	115	118	121	124	127	130	133	136	139	142	145	148	151	154
21000 do	88	93	98	101	104	107	110	113	116	119	122	125	128	131	134	137	140	143	146	149	152
22000 do	86	91	96	99	102	105	108	111	114	117	120	123	126	129	132	135	138	141	144	147	150
23000 do	84	89	94	97	100	103	106	109	112	115	118	121	124	127	130	133	136	139	142	145	148
24000 do	82	87	92	95	98	101	104	107	110	113	116	119	122	125	128	131	134	137	140	143	146
25000 do	80	85	90	93	96	99	102	105	108	111	114	117	120	123	126	129	132	135	138	141	144
26000 do	78	83	88	91	94	97	100	103	106	109	112	115	118	121	124	127	130	133	136	139	142
27000 do	76	81	86	89	92	95	98	101	104	107	110	113	116	119	122	125	128	131	134	137	140
28000 do	74	79	84	87	90	93	96	99	102	105	108	111	114	117	120	123	126				